

PUBLIC NOTICE for PERMIT APPLICATION

Issue Date: May 1, 2003

Expiration Date: May 16, 2003 Corps of Engineers Action ID: 199500329

Oregon Division of State Lands Number: RP-3850

15 Day Notice

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached plan.

Comments: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers number shown above and should reach this office no later than the above expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: CENWP-OP-GP (Mr. John W. Barco) P.O. Box 2946 Portland, Oregon 97208-2946

Applicant: Morse Brothers, Inc.

32260 Old Highway 34 Tangent, Oregon 97389

Location: The project is located on the Willamette River, River Mile 123.3, near Corvallis, in Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, Benton County, Oregon.

Project Description: The applicant is requesting renewal of their Department of Army permit. The project would require the use of a front-end loader, hydraulic excavator or scraper to remove up to 50,000 cubic yards of gravel down to an elevation of one foot above the existing water level. The operations would be conducted behind a "leave strip" or berm (of various widths), which separate the operation from the flows of the Willamette River. Following removal operations, the gravel bar area would be leveled to prevent fish entrapment from occurring during water level fluctuations.

Purpose: This project was originally advertised in a Public Notice dated May 24, 2002. The original Public Notice did not identify that the proposed work would require a permit under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). The purpose of this Public Notice is to inform the public that this project will be reviewed under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

Additional Information: Additional information may be obtained from Mr. John W. Barco, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (503) 808-4385.

Authority: This permit will be issued or denied under the following:

Section 10, Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), for work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States.

Section 404, Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), for discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.